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GAMBOA IN ESCAPE FROM LECUMBERRI OF DWIGHT WORKER

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1. DAILY NOVEDADES, DECEMBER 24, CARRIED ARTICLE TITLED
"SUBDIRECTOR OF LECUMBERRI SAID TO BE CULPABLE IN ESCAPE".
ARTICLE COMMENCED BY STATING WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION THAT
FERRER GAMBOA FOR YEARS HAD BEEN PASSING INFORMATION ABOUT
AMERICAN PRISONERS TO EMBASSY, THAT HE RAN DRUG TRAFFIC
AND THAT HE WAS PRESUMABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ESCAPE OF
DWIGHT WORKER. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, DISTRICT JUDICIAL
POLICE INVESTIGATION RESULTED IN FOLLOWING INFO RE ESCAPE:
FERRER GAMBOA ORGANIZED COLLECTIVE WEDDING AT LECUMBERRI
ON DECEMBER 17. SAME DAY HE PERMITTED ENTRY OF FIVE
PEOPLE WITHOUT PROPER DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING SUSAN
BARBARA CHINCOATL, WHO ARRIVED AT 0930 AND REMAINED IN
WORKER'S CELL ONE HOUR. LATER, FERRER GAMBOA TOOK THE
COUPLE TO THE JUDGE, AND THEY RETURNED TO CELL WHILE TWELVE
OTHER COUPLES WERE BEING MARRIED. ABOUT 1300, WORKER
LEFT CELL FOR LUNCH AND RETURNED HALF HOUR LATER, HAVING
CHANGED INTO CIVILIAN CLOTHES. TWO AND HALF HOURS LATER,
WORKER INVITED GUARD, JORGE CACHO RIOS, TO HAVE FRUIT
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JUICE WITH HIM. THEY LEFT DORMITORY TOGETHER AND WENT

TO KITCHEN. FROM KITCHEN, WORKER WAS ESCORTED OUT OF LECUMBERRI BY FERRER GAMBOA. FERRER GAMBOA SUPPOSEDLY RECEIVED 50,000 U.S. DOLLARS.

2. STILL ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, DURING COURSE OF INVESTIGATION OF ESCAPE, LT. COL. GIL CARDENAS, LECUMBERRI CHIEF OF SECURITY TOLD POLICE THAT WHEN HE FIRST TOOK OVER JOB, HE DISCOVERED THAT FERRER GAMBOA CONTROLLED DRUG AND LIQUOR TRAFFIC AT LECUMBERRI. HE REQUESTED INVESTIGATION WHICH BEGAN BUT WAS QUASHED BY OCTAVIO HERNANDEZ, DIRECTOR OF GOVERNACION, AND DR. GUSTAVO MALO CAMACHO(THEN DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATIONS, PROCURADURIA OF FEDERAL DISTRICT AND NOW PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR FEDERAL DISTRICT PRISONS).

3. IN FINAL PART OF ARTICLE, POLICE REPORT WAS SAID TO CONFIRM THAT FERRER HAD KEPT EMBASSY INFORMED ABOUT TREATMENT OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND THAT HIS CONTACT WAS VICE CONSUL VICET GUT(SIC-PETER WOOD?). ARTICLE THEN RECALLED RECENT NEWS ITEMS PUBLISHED IN U.S. PAPERS ABOUT MISTREATMENT OF AMERICAN PRISONERS.

4. OTHER ARTICLES APPEARED SUBSEQUENTLY IN NOVEDADES AND OTHER PAPERS CONCERNING FERRER GAMBOA'S ALLEGED COMPLICITY IN WORKER ESCAPE, BUT NOT MENTIONING SUPPOSED CONNECTION WITH EMBASSY. FERRER GAMBOA IN ONE REFERRED TO HIMSELF AS SCAPEGOAT, AND HE AND HIS ATTORNEY HAVE HURLED COUNTER ACCUSATIONS AT GIL CARDENAS AND LECUMBERRI DIRECTOR GENERAL ARCAUTE FRANCO, AS WELL. IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM ARTICLES WHETHER FERRER GAMBOA HAS BEEN CONSIDERED OR NOT, BUT HE APPEARS TO BE OUT ON 4,000 US DOLLARS BAIL. (END UNCLASSIFIED)

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5. FERRER GAMBOA CALLED EMBASSY DECEMBER 26, TO TALK WITH CCS EMPLOYEE IGNACIO ROMERO. ROMERO SAYS THAT FERRER GAMBOA ASKED THAT IF ROMERO OR VICE CONSUL PETER WOOD WERE ASKED TO MAKE STATEMENT BY POLICE TO TELL THE TRUTH. ROMERO PREVIOUSLY HAD DEALINGS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FERRER GAMBOA IN COURSE OF WORK IN ARREST AND DETENTION SUBUNIT. WOOD, OF COURSE, HAS HAD RECENT DEALINGS WITH HIM IN SAME WORK.

6. COMMENT: WHILE FERRER GAMBOA HAS INDEED PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH INFORMATION ON PRISONERS, IT WAS NEVER VOLUNTEERED BUT PROVIDED UPON REQUEST. EMBASSY OFFICERS FREQUENTLY HAVE FOUND HIM EASIER TO DEAL WITH THAN WITH

OTHER PRISON AUTHORITIES, AND MORE WILLING TO HELP
IN SOLVING MINOR PROBLEMS. FERRER GAMBOA HAS NOT,
HOWEVER, BEEN ANY MORE FORTHCOMING ABOUT MISTREATMENT
THAN HAVE OTHER OFFICIALS. EMBASSY HAS KNOWN FOR SOME
TIME THAT HE DID NOT GET ALONG WELL WITH ARCAUTE FRANCO
OR GIL CARDENAS. EMBASSY HAS ALSO BEEN AWARE THAT
DRUGS ARE AVAILABLE IN LECUMBERRI, BUT CANNOT AT THIS
TIME COMMENT ON GIL CARDENAS' ACCUSATION THAT FERRER
GAMBOA IS MASTERMIND BEHIND LECUMBERRI DRUG TRAFFIC.
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